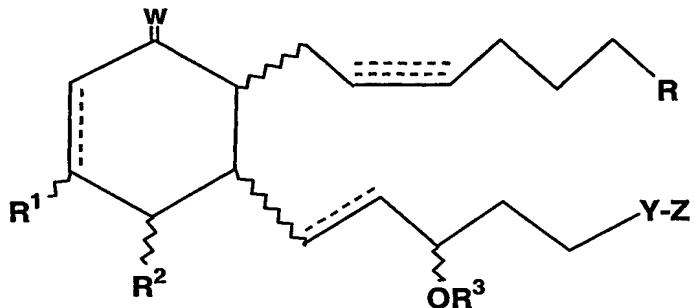


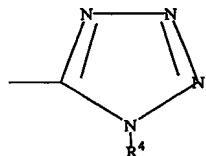
CLAIMS

1. A method of treating ocular hypertension or
 5 glaucoma which comprises administering to a mammal
 having ocular hypertension or glaucoma a
 therapeutically effective amount of a compound
 represented by formula I:



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wherein the wavy segment represents an α or β bond, a
 dashed line represents the presence or absence of a
 bond, R is selected from the group consisting of CO_2R^4 ,
 15 CONR^4_2 , CH_2OR^4 , $\text{CONR}^4\text{SO}_2\text{R}^4$, $\text{P(O)(OR}^4)$ and



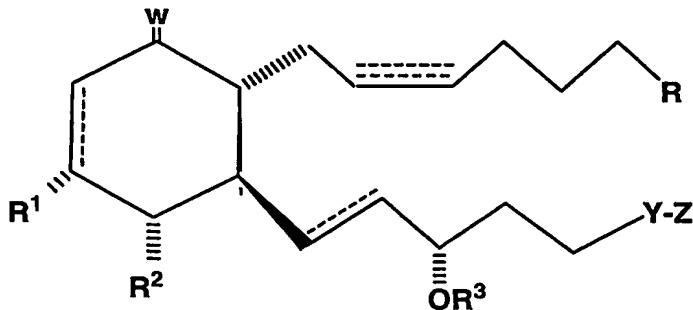
wherein R^4 is selected from the group consisting of H,
 phenyl and lower alkyl having from one to six carbon
 atoms and n is 0 or an integer of from 1 to 4, R^1 and
 20 R^2 are independently selected from the group consisting
 of hydrogen, hydroxyl, a lower alkyloxy radical

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having up to six carbon atoms, or a lower acyloxy radical having up to six carbon atoms, R³ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a lower alkyl radical having up to six carbon atoms and a lower acyl radical having up to six carbon atoms, W is = O or halogen, Y is a covalent bond or is selected from the group consisting of CH₂, O, S and N and Z is a alkyl or cycloalkyl radical including from three to ten carbon atoms or an aromatic radical including a hydrocarbyl aromatic radical having from six to ten carbon atoms or a heterocyclic aromatic radical having from four to ten carbon atoms and including a heterocyclic atom selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur; and pharmaceutically-acceptable salts and esters thereof.

2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said compound is represented by formula II:

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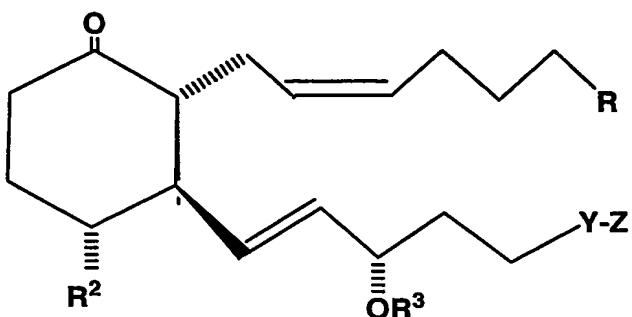


wherein the hatched segment represents an α bond and the solid triangle represents a β bond.

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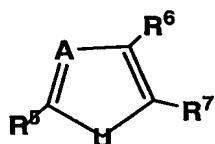
3. The method of claim 2 wherein said compound is represented by formula III

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4. The method of claim 3 wherein Z is phenyl or is represented by the formula IV

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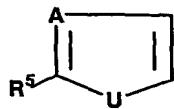


15 wherein U is selected from the group consisting of O and S, A is selected from the group consisting of N, -CH, and C, R^5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, lower alkyl having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and lower alkoxy having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, R^6 and R^7 are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, lower alkyl having

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from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, lower alkoxy having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or, together with



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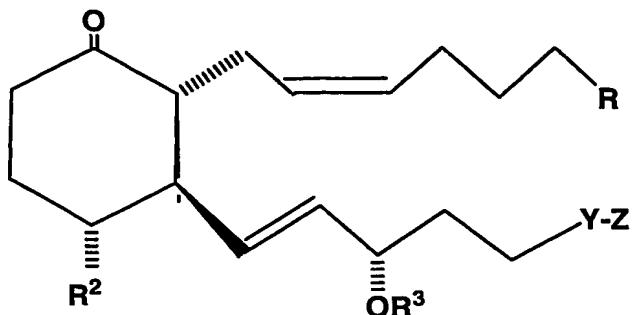
, R⁶ and R⁷ forms a condensed aryl ring.

- 5. The method of claim 4 wherein U is S.
- 6. The method of claim 4 wherein R is CO₂R⁴.
- 10 7. The method of claim 6 wherein R is H or methyl.
- 8. The method of claim 4 wherein Z is phenyl.
- 9. The method of claim 8 wherein R is CO²R₄.
- 10. The method of claim 9 wherein R⁴ is H.
- 11. The method of claim 4 wherein Z is
- 15 chlorobenzothienyl.
- 12. The method of claim 11 wherein R is CO²R₄.
- 13. The method of claim 12 wherein R⁴ is H.
- 14. An ophthalmic solution comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of
- 20 formula I, as defined in Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in admixture with a non-toxic, ophthalmically acceptable liquid vehicle, packaged in a container suitable for metered application.

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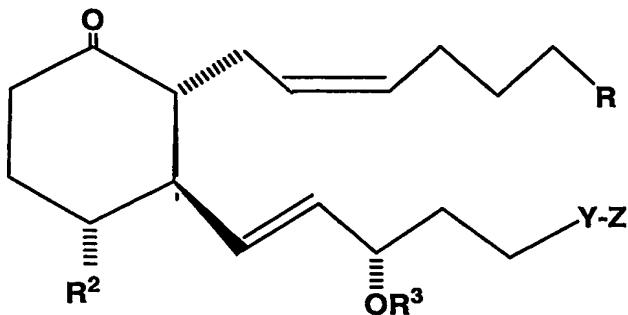
- 15. The ophthalmic solution of Claim 14 wherein said compound is a compound of Formula III

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16. A pharmaceutical product, comprising a container adapted to dispense the contents of said container in metered form; and an ophthalmic solution in said container comprising a compound of formula I as defined in Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in admixture with a non-toxic, ophthalmically acceptable liquid vehicle.

5 17. The product of claim 16 wherein said compound is compound of Formula III



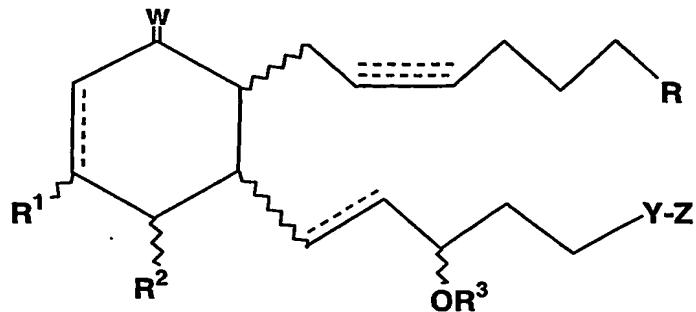
10 18. The product of claim 17 wherein Z is phenyl.

15 19. The product of claim 18 wherein R is CO₂R⁴ wherein R⁴ is H or methyl.

20. The product of claim 19 wherein R⁴ is H.

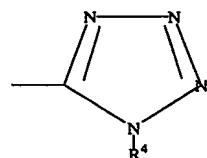
21. The compound represented by formula I:

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wherein the wavy segment represents an α or β bond, a dashed line represents the presence or absence of a bond, R is selected from the group consisting of CO_2R^4 , $CONR^4_2$, CH_2OR^4 , $CONR^4SO_2R^4$, $P(O)(OR^4)$ and

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10 wherein R^4 is selected from the group consisting of H, phenyl and lower alkyl having from one to six carbon atoms and n is 0 or an integer of from 1 to 4, R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, a lower alkyloxy radical having up to six carbon atoms, or a lower acyloxy radical having up to six carbon atoms, R^3 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a lower alkyl radical having up to six carbon atoms and a lower acyl radical having up to six carbon atoms, W is = O or halogen, Y is a covalent bond or is selected from the group consisting of CH_2 , O, S and N and Z is a alkyl or

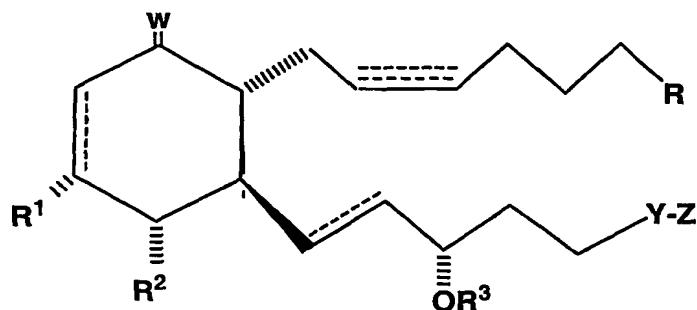
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cycloalkyl radical including from three to ten carbon atoms or an aromatic radical including a hydrocarbyl aromatic radical having from six to ten carbon atoms or a heterocyclic aromatic radical having from four to ten carbon atoms and including a heterocyclic atom selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur; and pharmaceutically-acceptable salts and esters thereof.

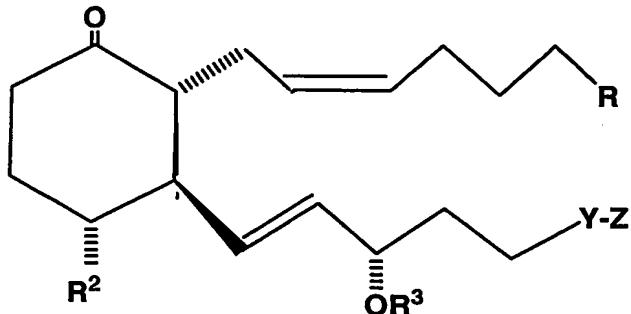
10 22. The compound of claim 1 wherein said compound is represented by formula II:



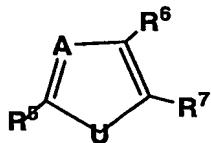
15 wherein the hatched segment represents an α bond and the solid triangle represents a β bond.

20 23. The method of claim 22 wherein said compound is represented by formula III

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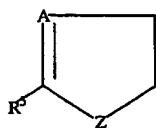


24. The method of claim 23 wherein Z is phenyl or is represented by the formula IV



5 wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of O and S, A is selected from the group consisting of N, -CH, and C, R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, lower alkyl having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and lower alkoxy having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, R⁶ and R⁷ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, lower alkyl having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, lower alkoxy having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or, together with

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, R⁶ and R⁷ forms a condensed aryl ring.

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25. The method of claim 24 wherein U is S.
26. The method of claim 25 wherein R is CO₂R⁴.
27. The method of claim 26 wherein R is H or methyl.
28. The method of claim 24 wherein Z is phenyl.
- 5 29. The method of claim 28 wherein R is CO²R₄.
30. The method of claim 29 wherein R⁴ is H.